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DLNR HOLDS PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING ON SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AT HA'ENA STATE PARK

LIHU'E -- The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) invites the public to an information meeting about proposed improvements to the wastewater system at Ha'ena State Park. The meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1 at the Hanalei School cafeteria (5-5415 Kuhio Hwy., Hanalei).

The project was initiated to address concerns that the existing wastewater system serving the park's comfort station is affecting a culturally and archaeologically sensitive site in the park.

With the collaboration of several Ha'ena community members, DLNR has designed a system utilizing a constructed wetlands method to enhance the treatment of the effluent and provide proper disposal into an area away from culturally sensitive areas.

The public meeting is being held in advance of the 30-day public comment period for the project's Draft Environmental Assessment, to allow the community to learn more about the project's history and how constructed wetland and native wetland plants can benefit water quality.

The Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for this project will be available for public review after December 8th at the Princeville library (4343 Emmalani Drive, Princeville) and on-line in The OEQC Environmental Notice:

http://oeqc.doh.hawaii.gov/Shared%20Documents/Environmental Notice/current issue.pdf Comments will be accepted between December 8, 2009, and January 7, 2010.Link

For more information about the DEA please contact: Catie Fernandez, PBR HAWAII & Associates, Inc., Planning Consultant. Email: cfernandez@pbrhawaii.com. Phone: 521-5631.

For more information on this project call Division of State Parks Oʻahu administration office at (808) 587-0305.

The Hanalei Elementary School cafeteria is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in this meeting should contact Catie Fernandez, PBR HAWAII at (808) 521-5631.

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